Logzip: Extracting Hidden Structures via Iterative Clustering for Log Compression

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Motivation & Background

Systems produce logs to record runtime information

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081111 095238 28 INFO dfs.FSNamesystem: BLOCK* NameSystem.addStoredBlock: blockMap updated: 10.251.123.132:50010 is added to blk_8527475857502481768 size 67108864
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Motivation & Background

System logs are important for

Diagnose runtime failures

Identify performance bottlenecks

Detect security issues

Market trends prediction

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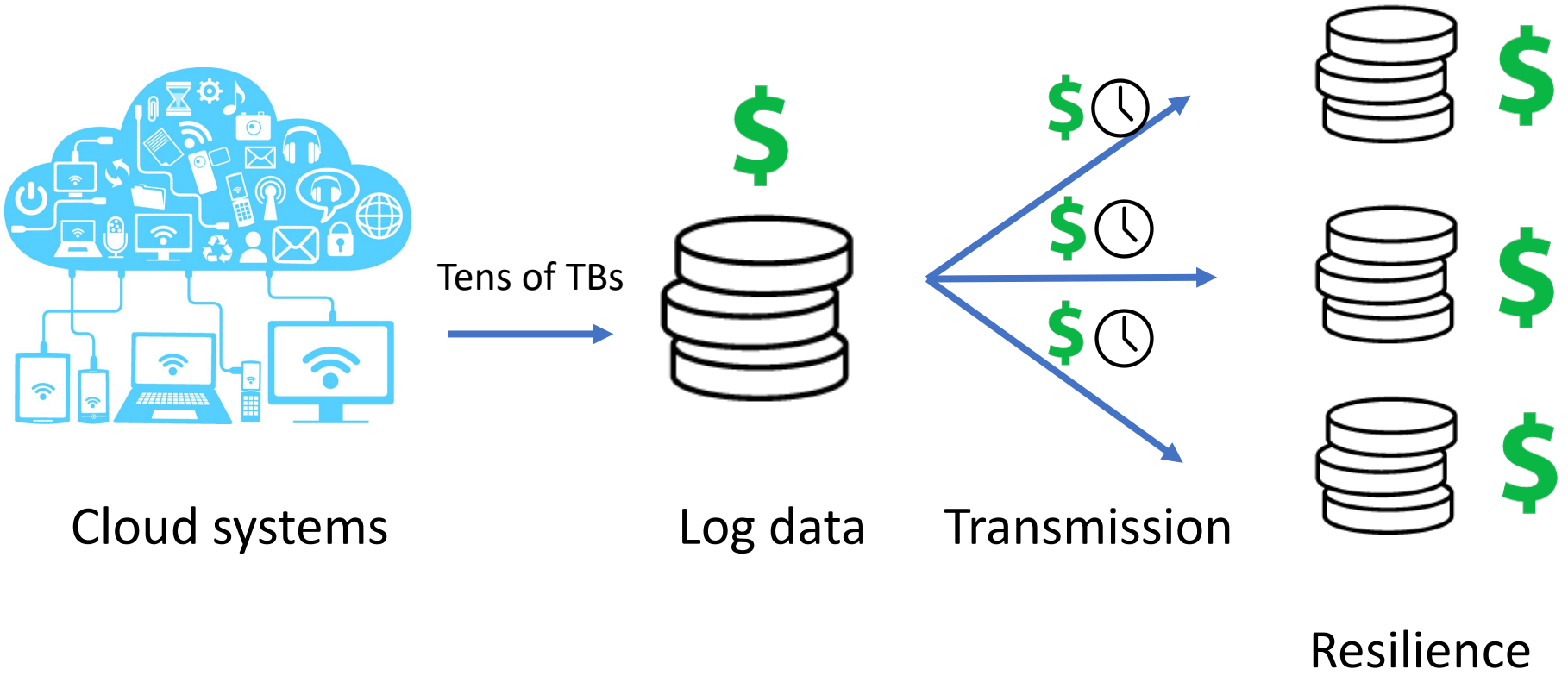
Motivation & Background

Log data requires long-term storage and is fast-growing



It is **time**-comsuming and **money**-consuming

Motivation & Background

How to reduce data storage cost?

Writing less logging statements in the source code

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Risk missing key information ☹

Apply compression tools: gzip, bzip2, lzma...

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Not specifically designed for log data ☹

Logzip, explores **hidden structures** of log data for better compression ☺

Motivation & Background

Intuition: repetitive data is more compressible

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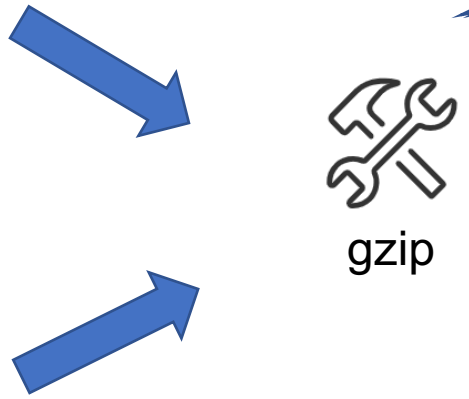

Motivation & Background

Log Structure

```
logInfo(s"Found block $blockId remotely")
```

17/06/09 20:11:10 INFO storage.BlockManager:	Found block	rdd_42_11	remotely
17/06/09 20:11:10 INFO storage.BlockManager:	Found block	rdd_42_12	remotely
17/06/09 20:11:10 INFO storage.BlockManager:	Found block	rdd_42_14	remotely
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17/06/09 20:11:11 INFO storage.BlockManager:	Found block	rdd_42_22	remotely
17/06/09 20:11:11 INFO storage.BlockManager:	Found block	rdd_42_23	remotely
17/06/09 20:11:11 INFO storage.BlockManager:	Found block	rdd_42_24	remotely

HDFS logs (part)

Motivation & Background

Different types of log data share the similar format

```
17/06/09 20:11:11 INFO storage.BlockManager: Found block rdd_42_26 locally
17/06/09 20:11:11 INFO storage.BlockManager: Found block rdd_42_28 locally
17/06/09 20:11:11 INFO storage.BlockManager: Found block rdd_42_27 locally
17/06/09 20:11:11 INFO storage.BlockManager: Found block rdd_42_29 locally
17/06/09 20:11:11 INFO python.PythonRunner: Times: total = 41, boot = 23, init = 17, finish = 1
17/06/09 20:11:11 INFO python.PythonRunner: Times: total = 38, boot = 18, init = 20, finish = 0
17/06/09 20:11:11 INFO python.PythonRunner: Times: total = 42, boot = 18, init = 23, finish = 1
17/06/09 20:11:11 INFO python.PythonRunner: Times: total = 39, boot = 18, init = 20, finish = 1
17/06/09 20:11:11 INFO executor.Executor: Finished task 25.0 in stage 29.0 (TID 1345). 2128 bytes result sent to driver
17/06/09 20:11:11 INFO executor.Executor: Finished task 28.0 in stage 29.0 (TID 1348). 2128 bytes result sent to driver
17/06/09 20:11:11 INFO executor.Executor: Finished task 27.0 in stage 29.0 (TID 1347). 2128 bytes result sent to driver
17/06/09 20:11:11 INFO executor.Executor: Finished task 26.0 in stage 29.0 (TID 1346). 2128 bytes result sent to driver
17/06/09 20:11:11 INFO executor.CoarseGrainedExecutorBackend: Got assigned task 1350
17/06/09 20:11:11 INFO executor.Executor: Running task 30.0 in stage 29.0 (TID 1350)
17/06/09 20:11:11 INFO python.PythonRunner: Times: total = 43, boot = 14, init = 28, finish = 1
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Spark logs (part)

```
03-17 16:13:38.859  2227  2227 D TextView: visible is system.time.showampm
03-17 16:13:38.861  2227  2227 D TextView: mVisiblity.getValue is false
03-17 16:13:38.869  2227  2227 D TextView: visible is system.charge.show
03-17 16:13:38.871  2227  2227 D TextView: mVisiblity.getValue is false
03-17 16:13:38.875  2227  2227 D TextView: visible is system.call.count gt 0
03-17 16:13:38.877  2227  2227 D TextView: mVisiblity.getValue is false
03-17 16:13:38.881  2227  2227 D TextView: visible is system.message.count gt 0
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03-17 16:13:38.887  2227  2227 D TextView: visible is system.ownerinfo.show
03-17 16:13:38.888  2227  2227 D TextView: mVisiblity.getValue is false
03-17 16:13:38.905  1702 10454 D PowerManagerService: release:lock=233570404, flg=0x0, tag="View Lock",
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Android logs (part)

Motivation & Background

It is OK to compress the whole file

```
logInfo(s"Found block $blockId remotely")
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17/06/09 20:11:10 INFO storage.BlockManager: Found block rdd_42_11 remotely
17/06/09 20:11:10 INFO storage.BlockManager: Found block rdd_42_12 remotely
17/06/09 20:11:10 INFO storage.BlockManager: Found block rdd_42_14 remotely
17/06/09 20:11:10 INFO storage.BlockManager: Found block rdd_42_13 remotely
17/06/09 20:11:11 INFO storage.BlockManager: Found block rdd_42_20 remotely
17/06/09 20:11:11 INFO storage.BlockManager: Found block rdd_42_22 remotely
17/06/09 20:11:11 INFO storage.BlockManager: Found block rdd_42_23 remotely
17/06/09 20:11:11 INFO storage.BlockManager: Found block rdd_42_24 remotely
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Motivation & Background

It is better to compress after hidden structures are extracted

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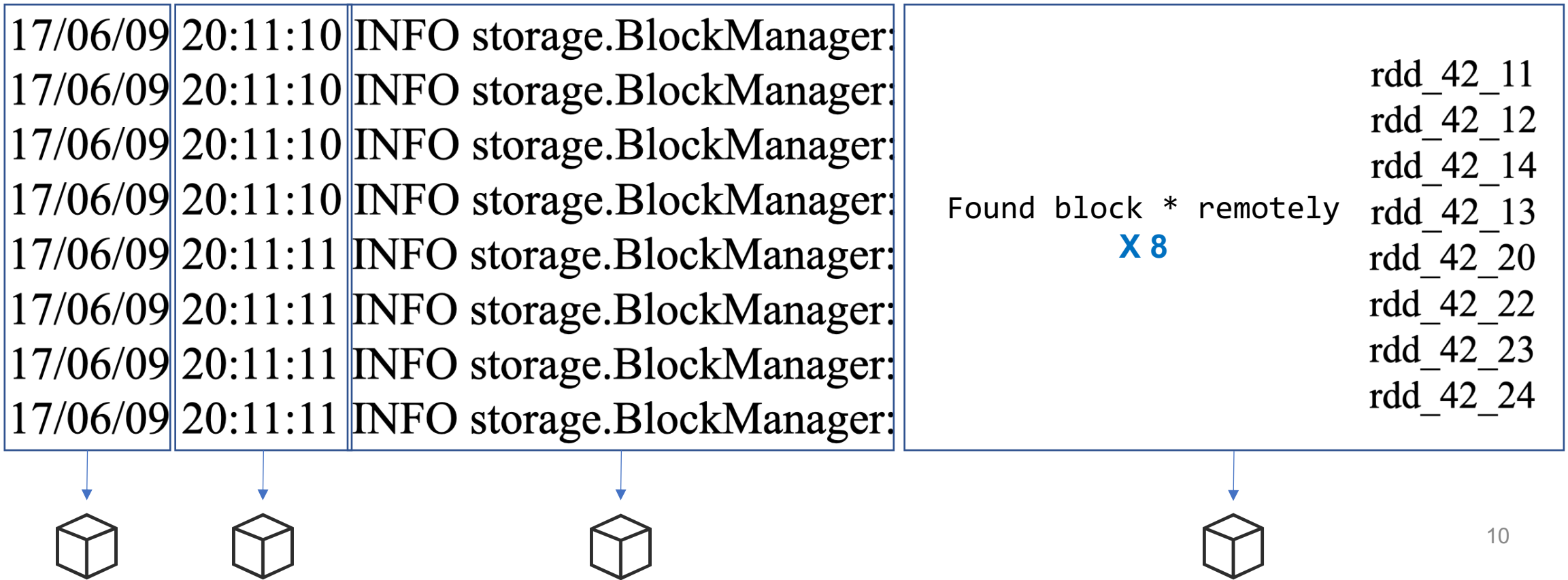
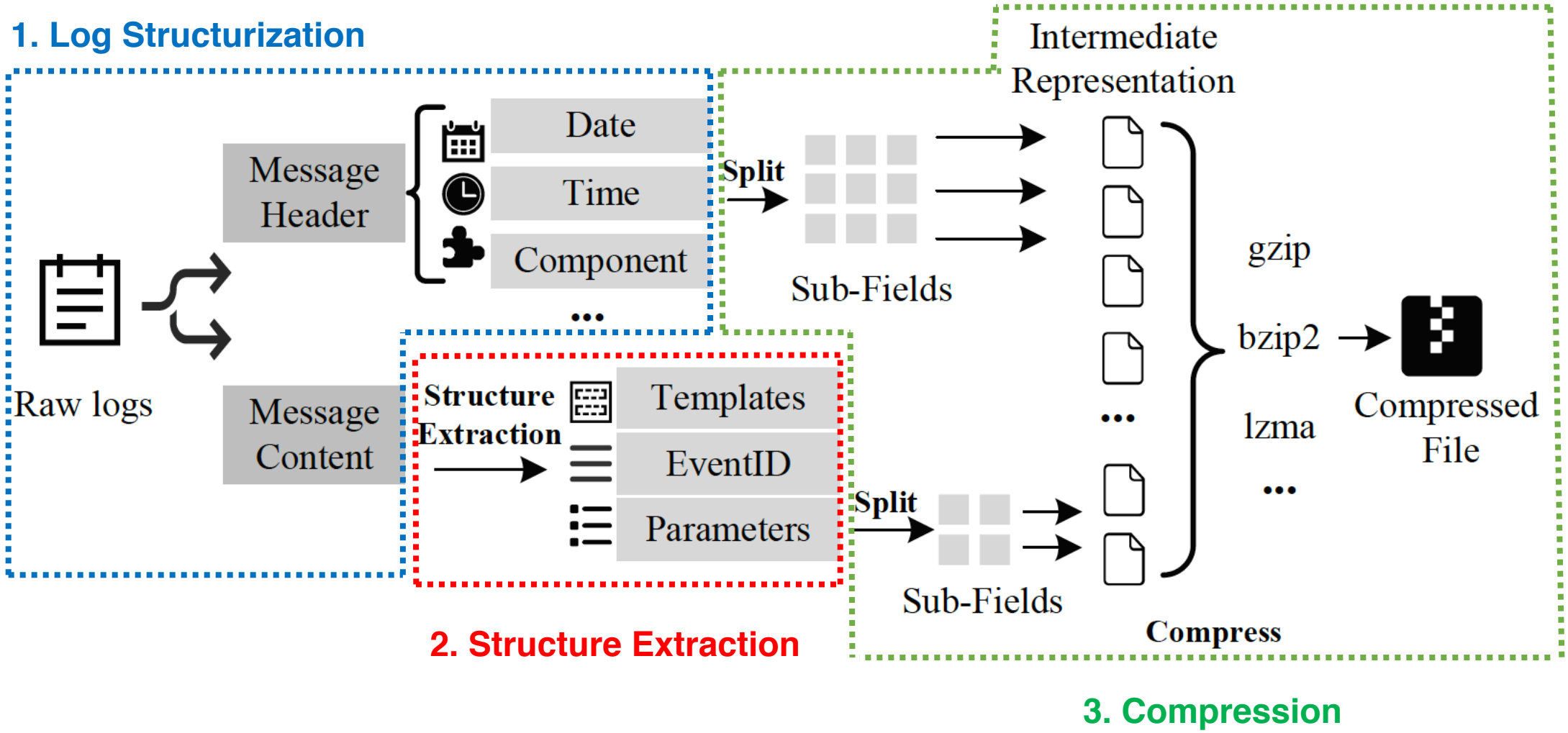


Method: Overview



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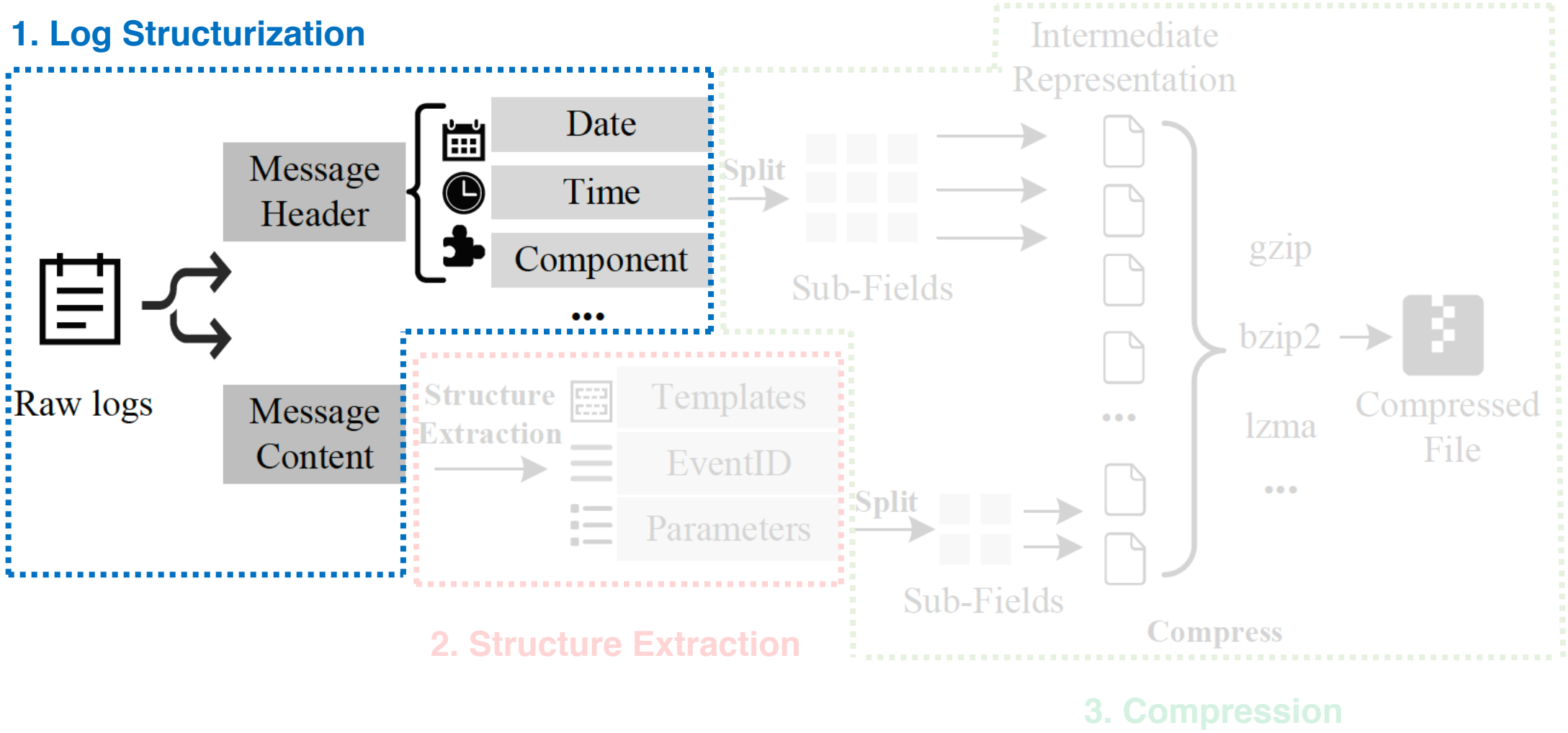

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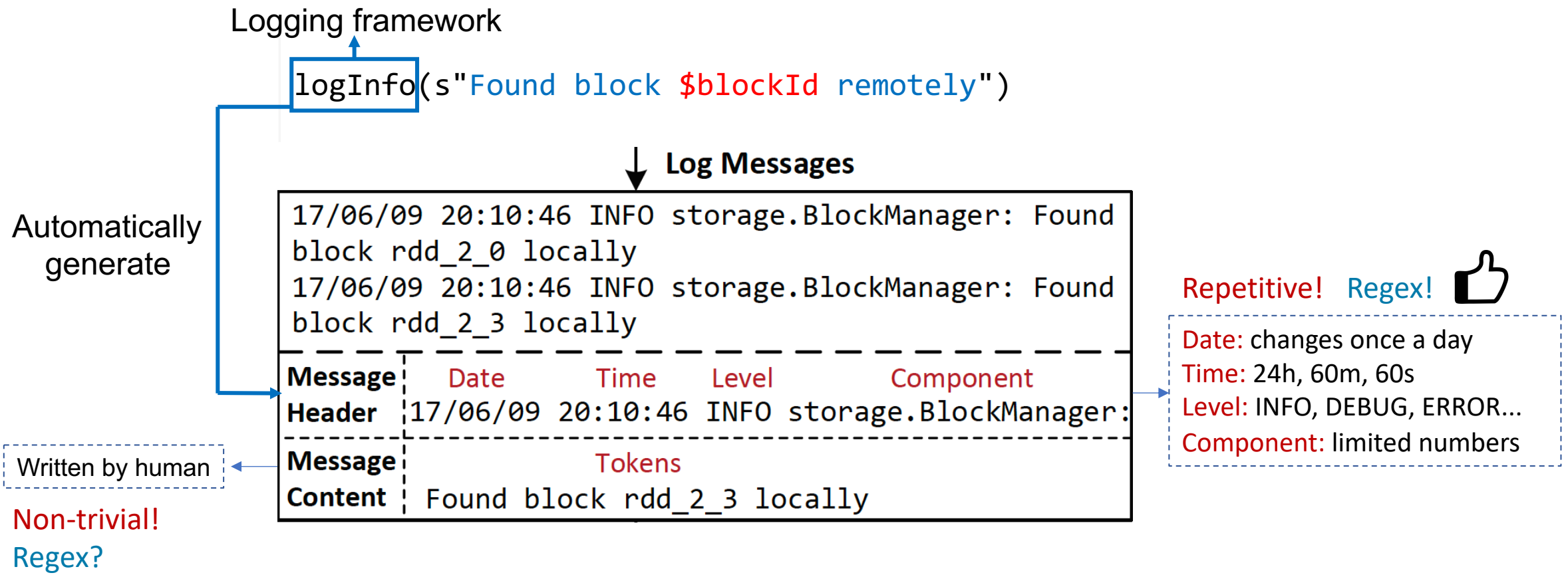

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Sample regex for Android

[r'(/[\w-]+)+', r'([\w-]+\.){2,}[\w-]+', r'\b(\-?\+?\d+)\b|\b0[Xx][a-fA-F\d]+\b|\b[a-fA-F\d]{4,}\b']

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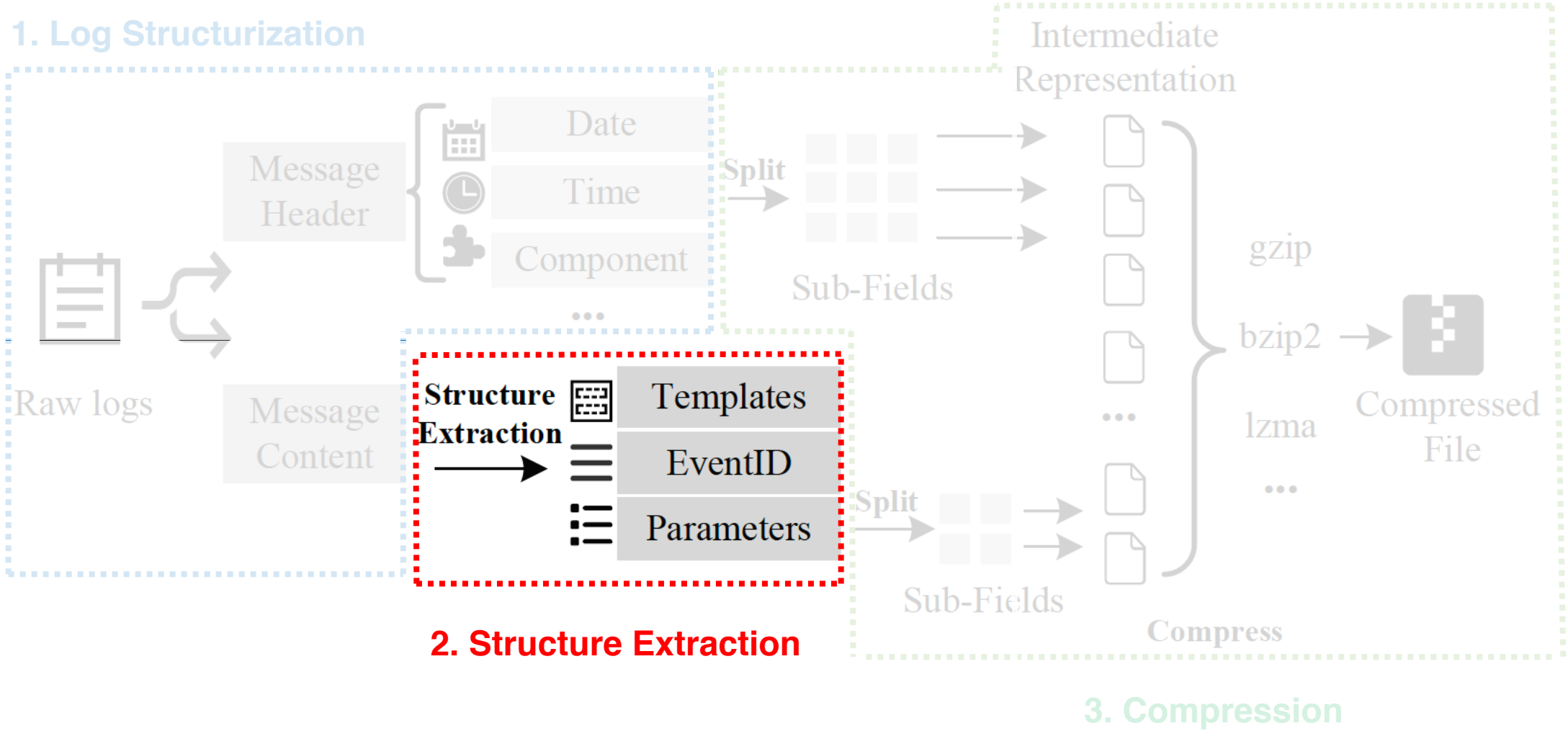
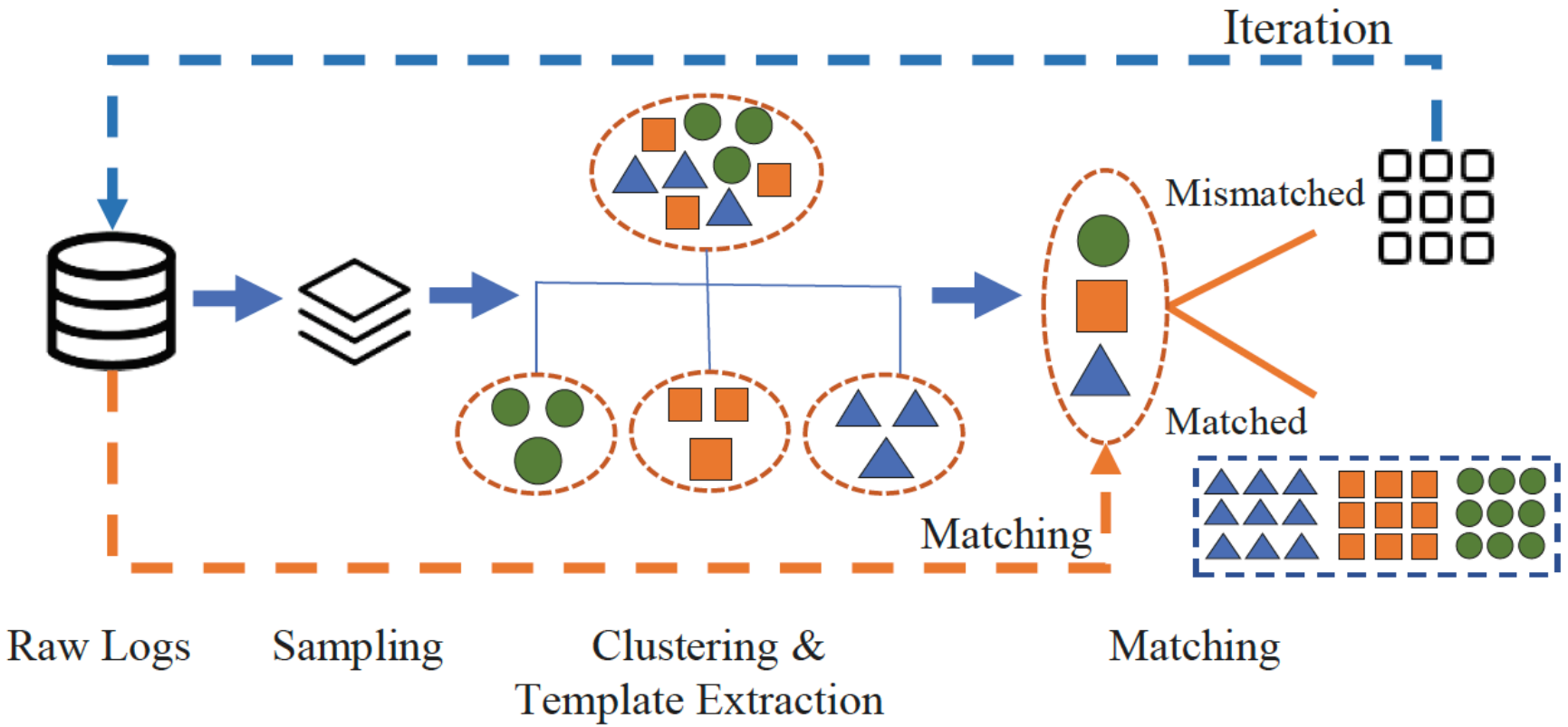
Method: Structure Extraction



Method: Iterative Structure Extraction (ISE)



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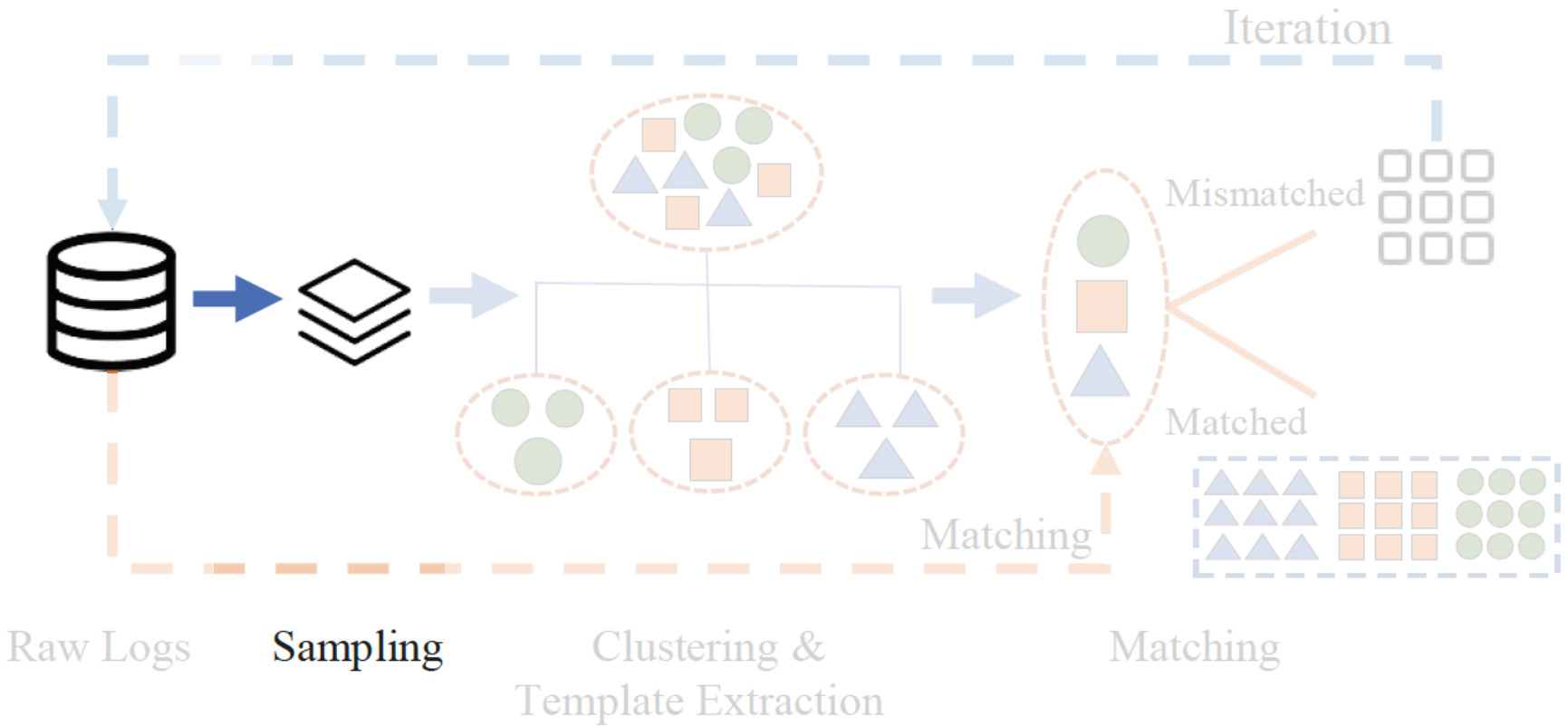

Sample a small fraction (1%) of the whole dataset

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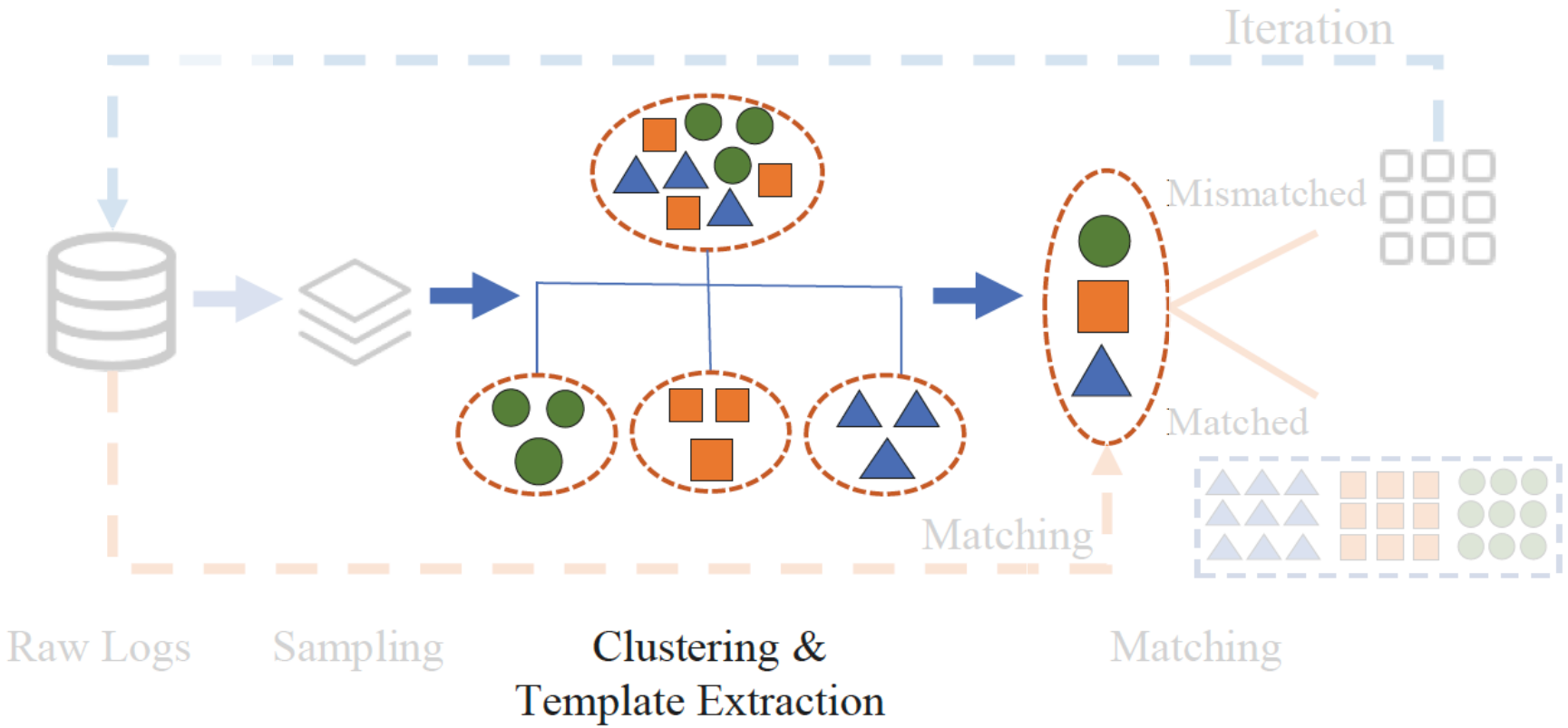

Apply sequential clustering to extract templates

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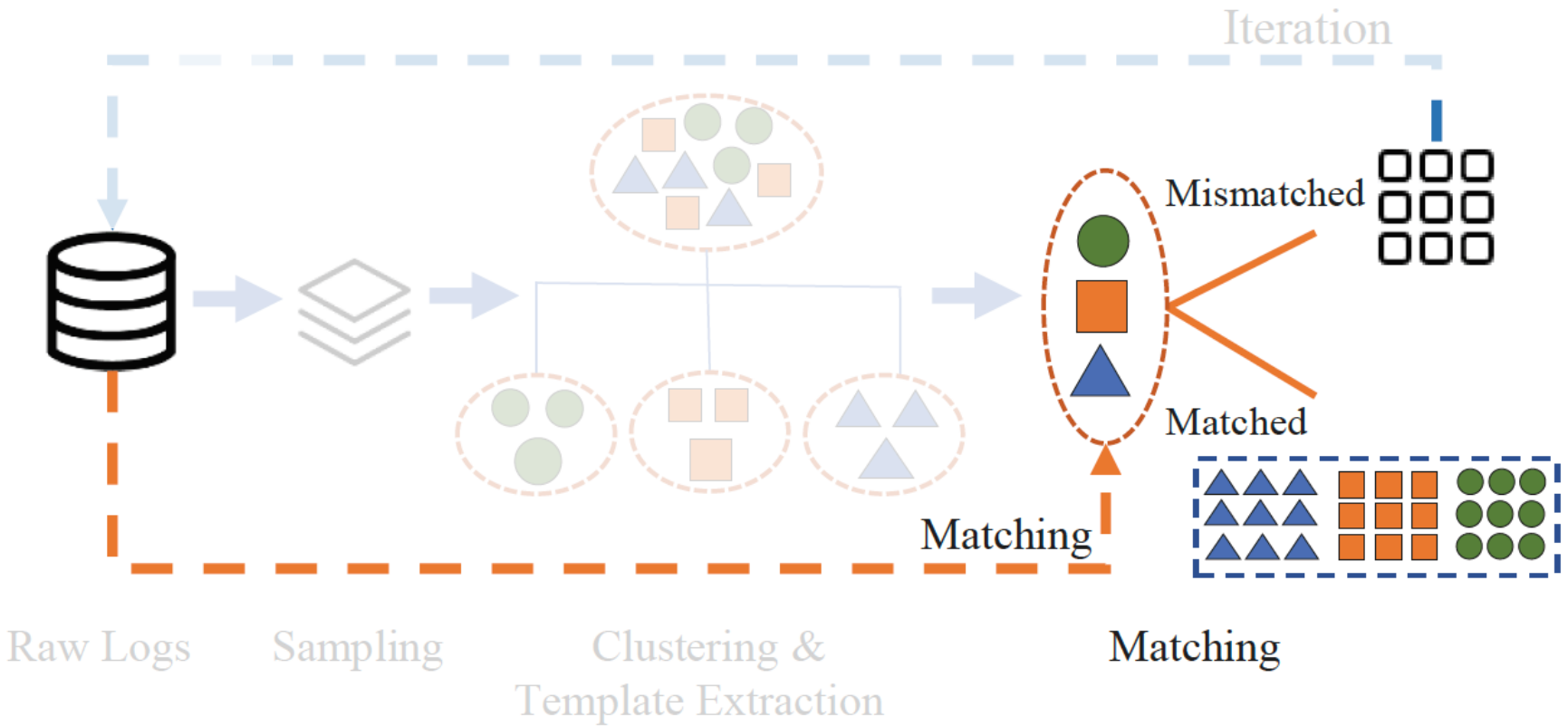

Match unsampled data with extracted templates

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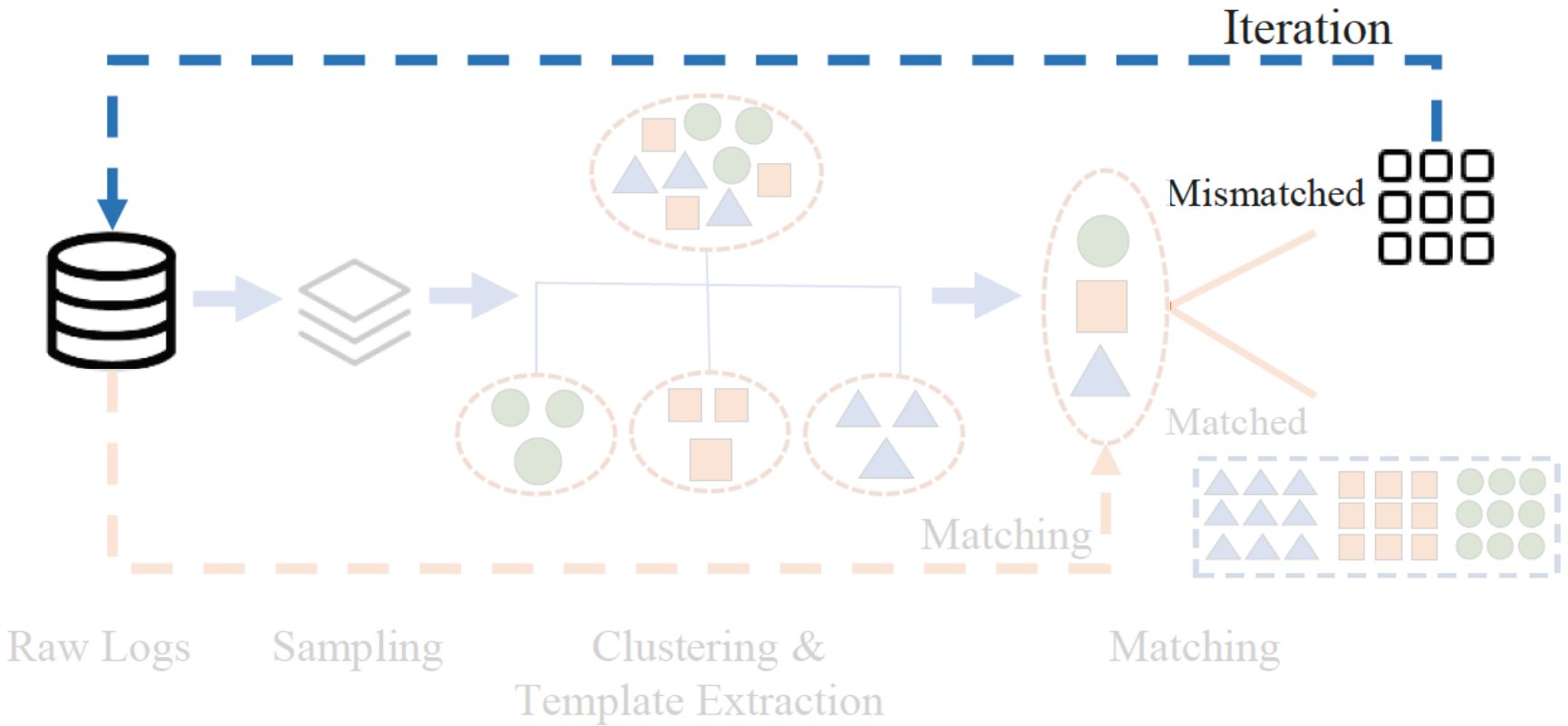

Mismatched data goes through the process iteratively

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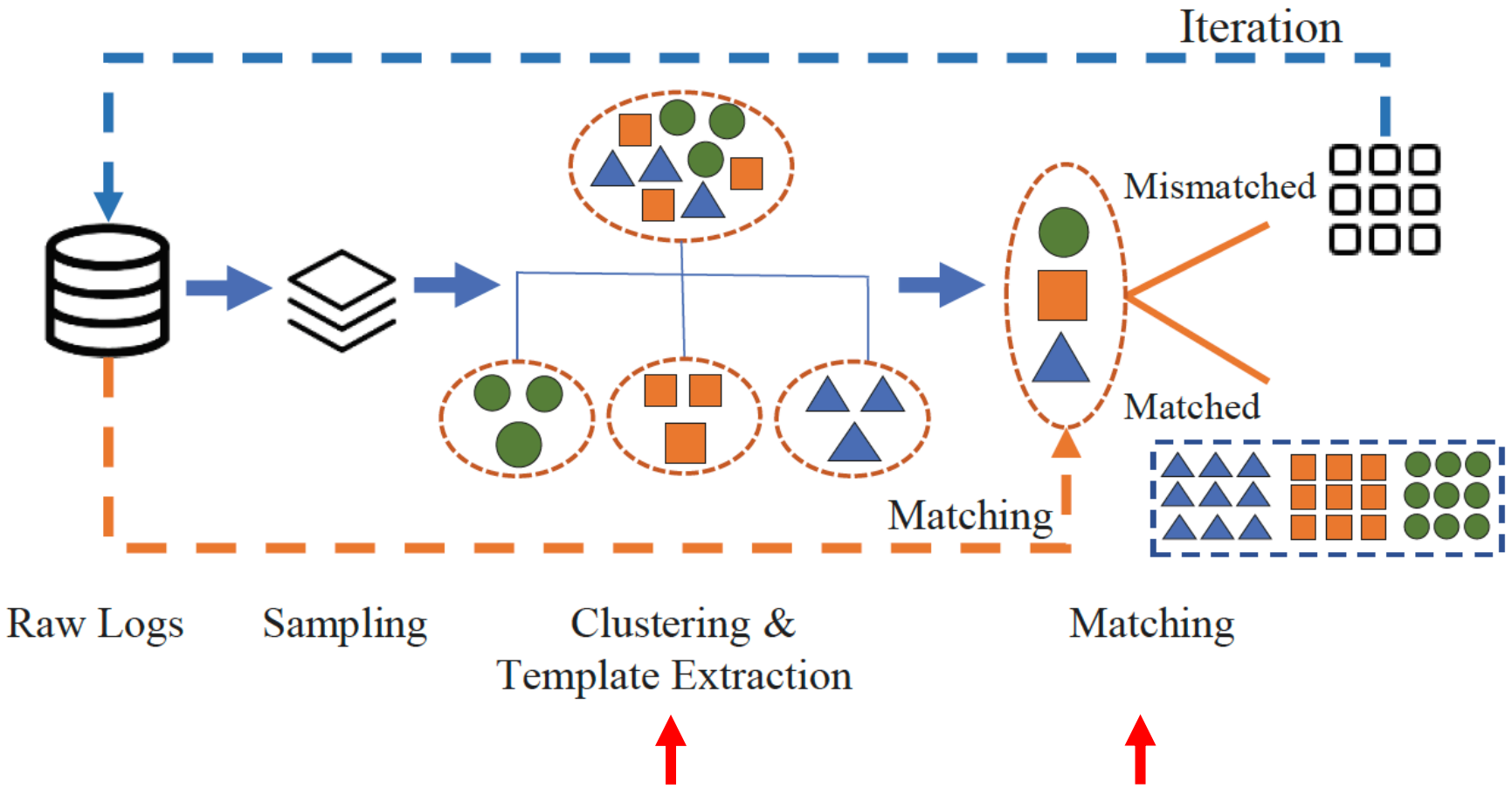
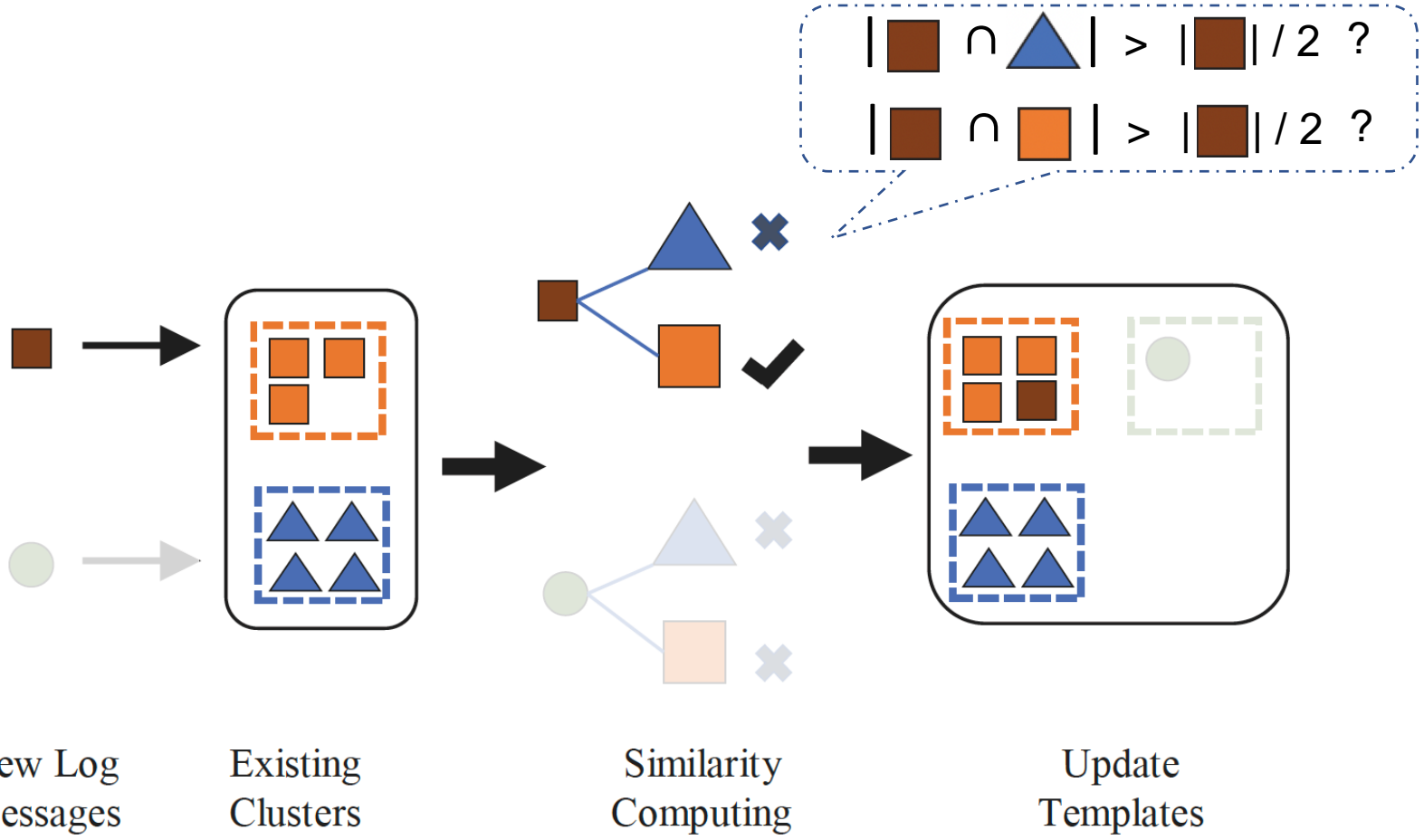
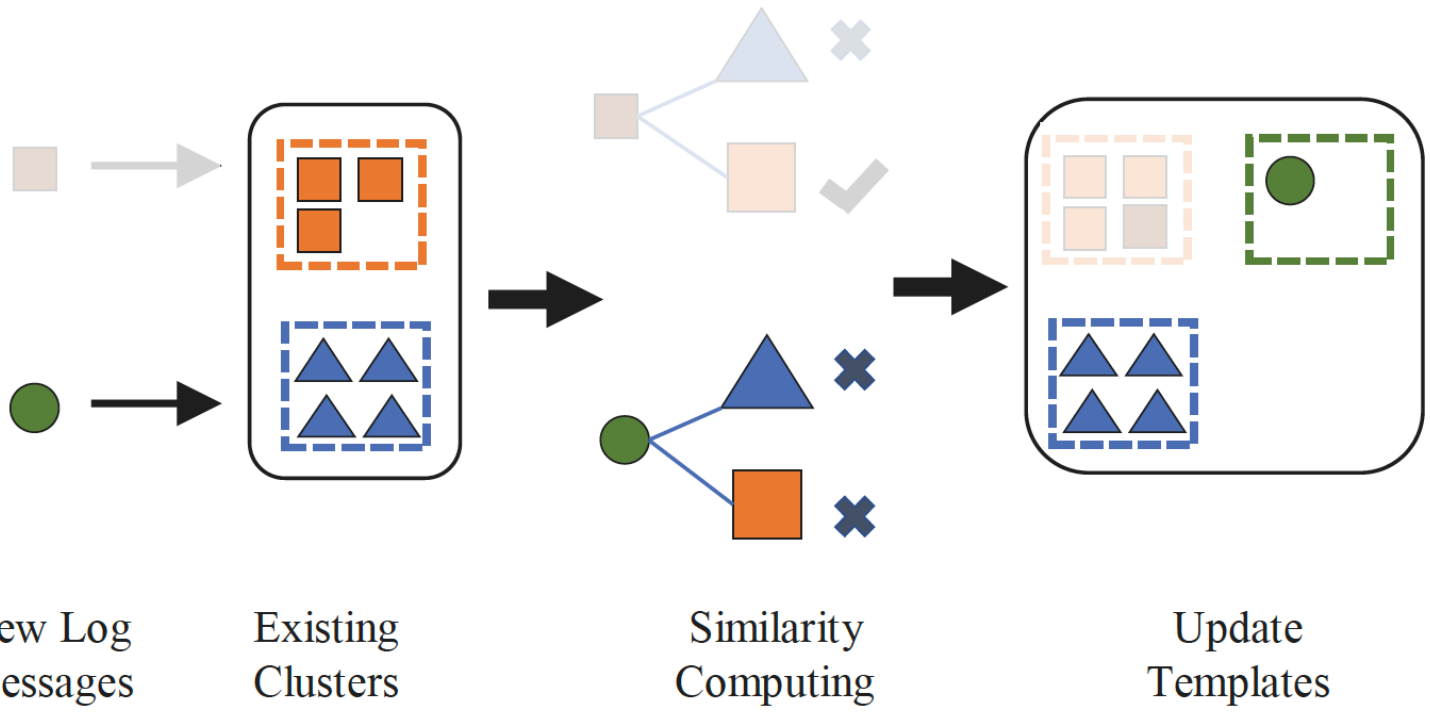


Method: ISE-Clustering & Template Extraction



Workflow of Sequential Clustering

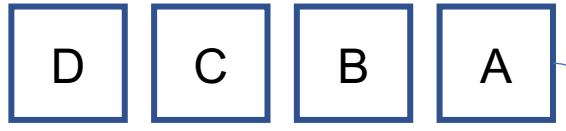
Method: ISE-Clustering & Template Extraction



Workflow of Sequential Clustering

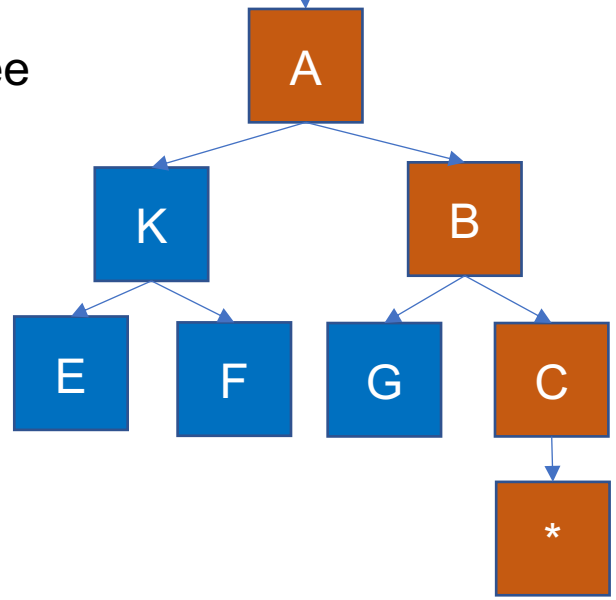
Method: ISE-Matching

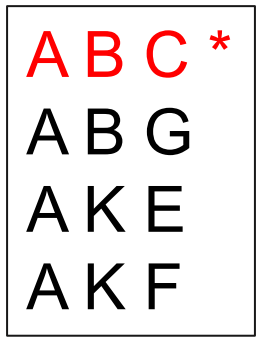
Input 1: A tokenized log message



Search

Build prefix tree





Input 2: Templates

Content	Template ID	Template	Parameters
A B C D	E1	A B C *	D

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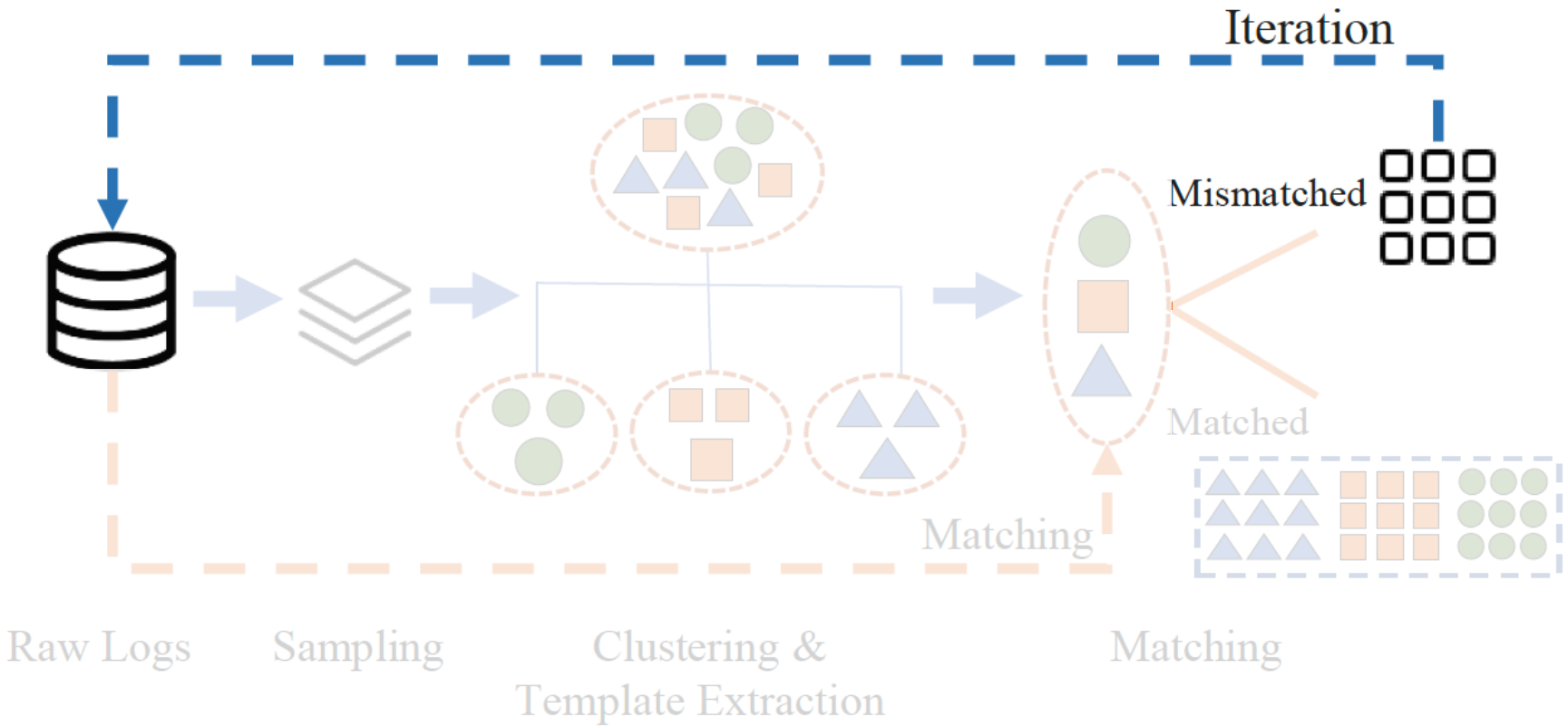

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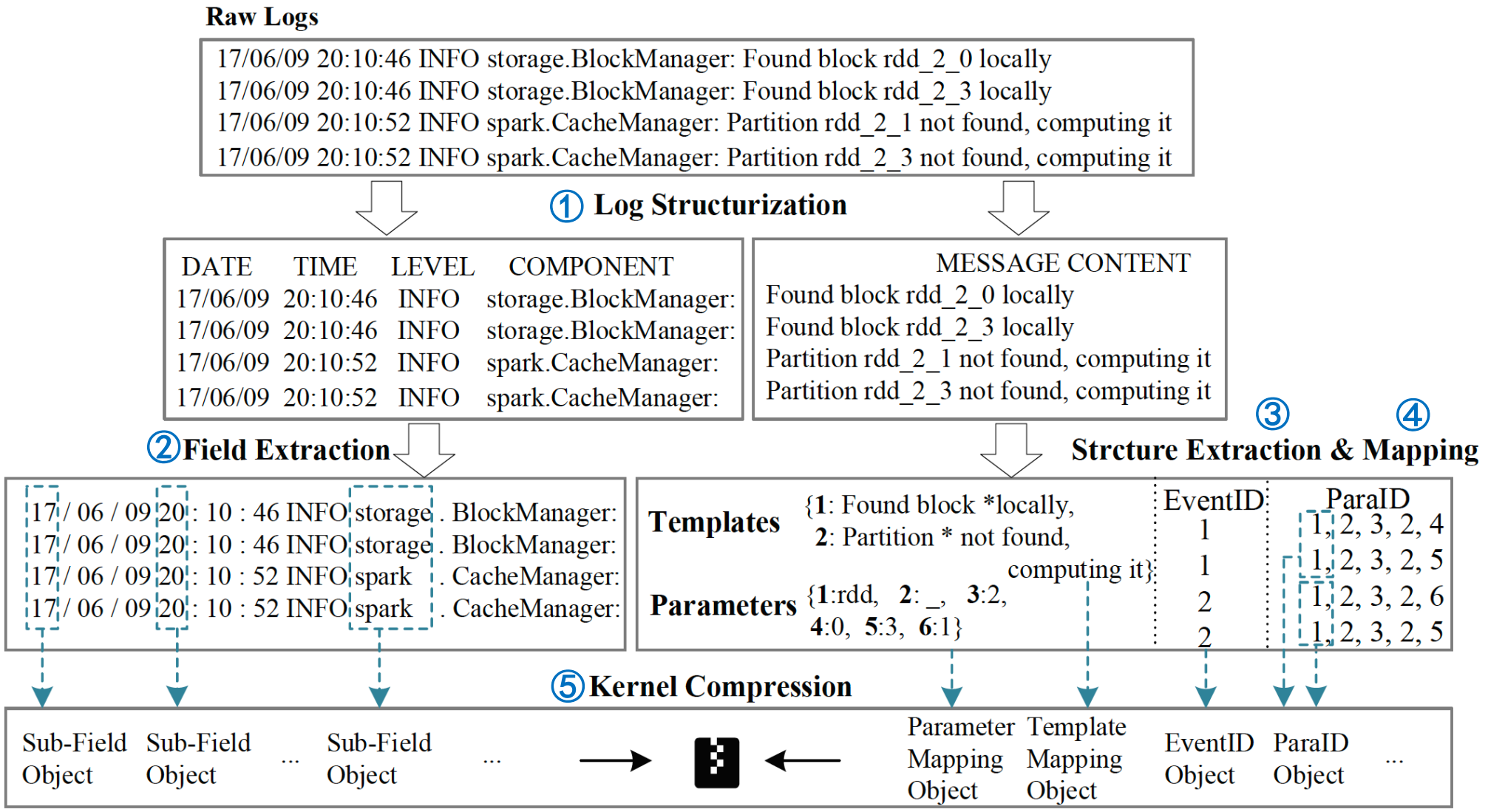

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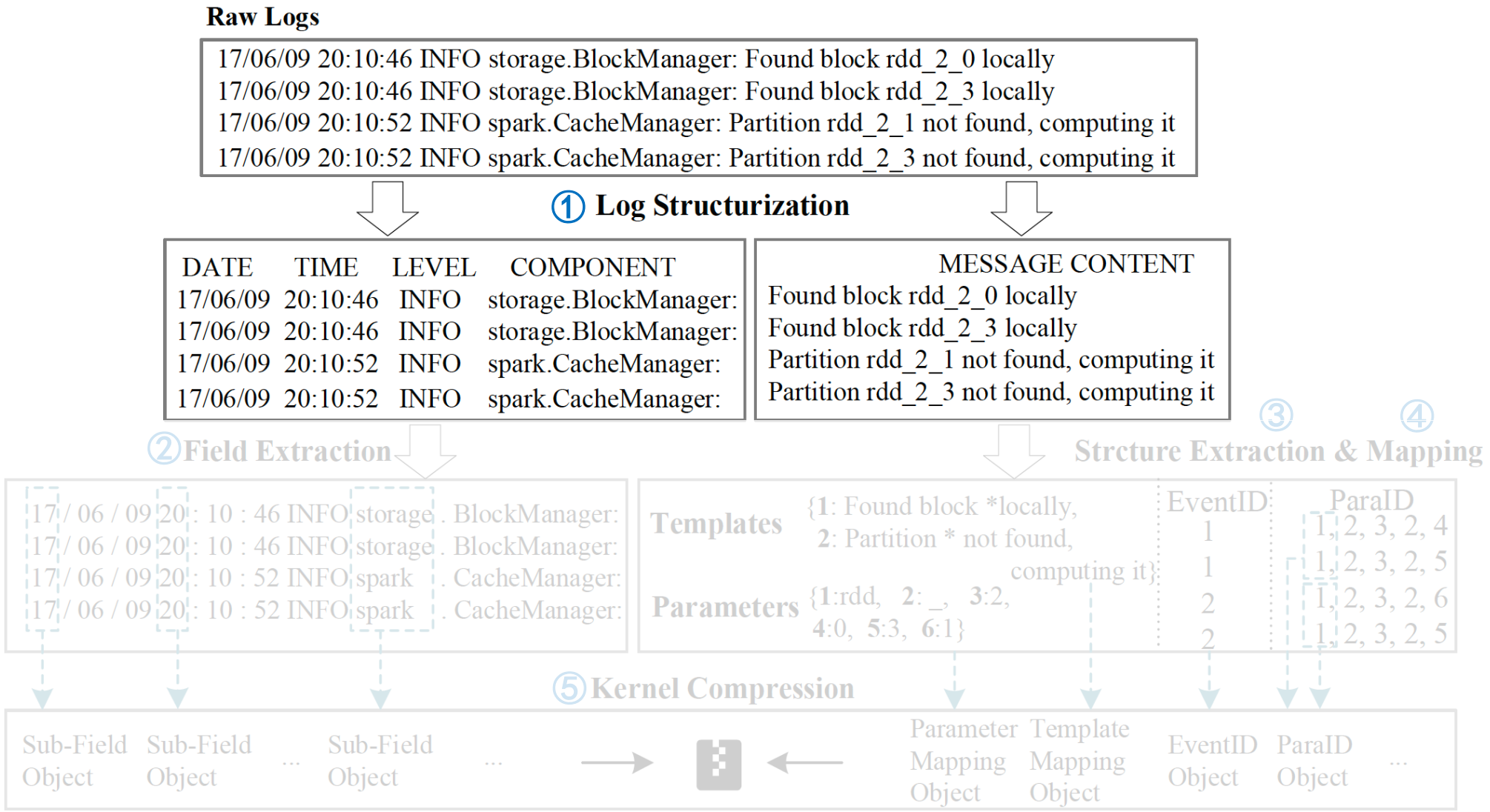

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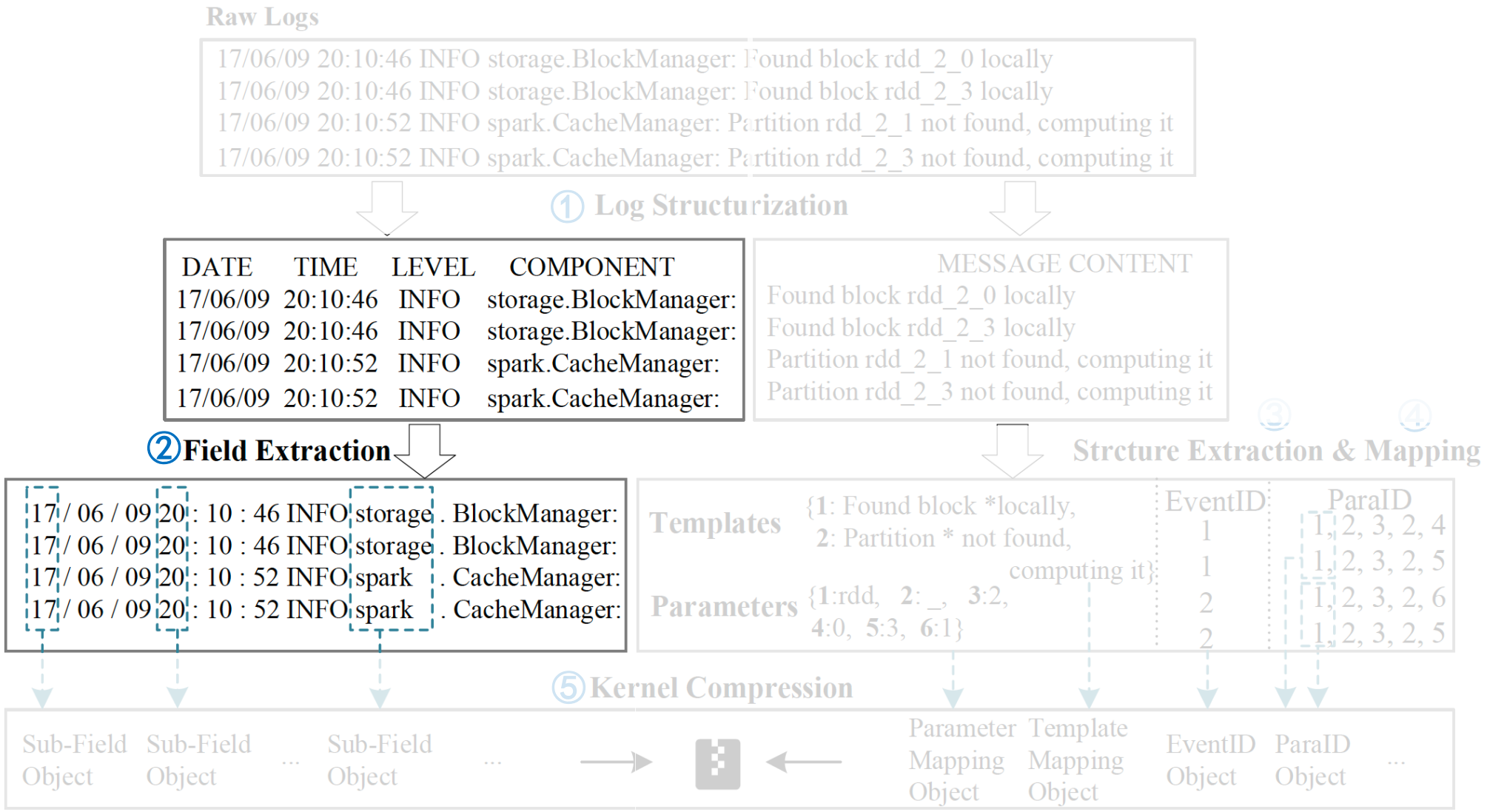

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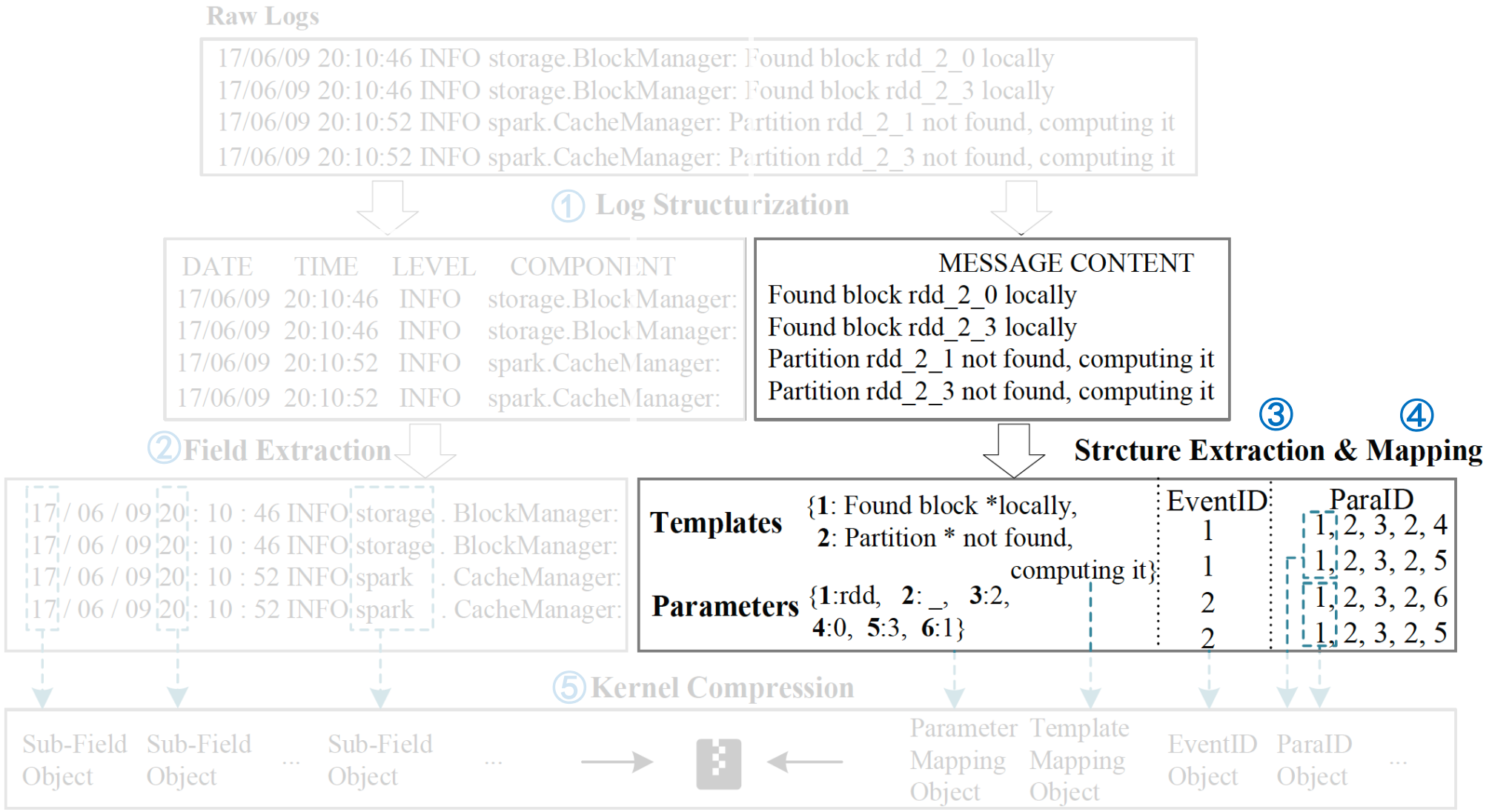

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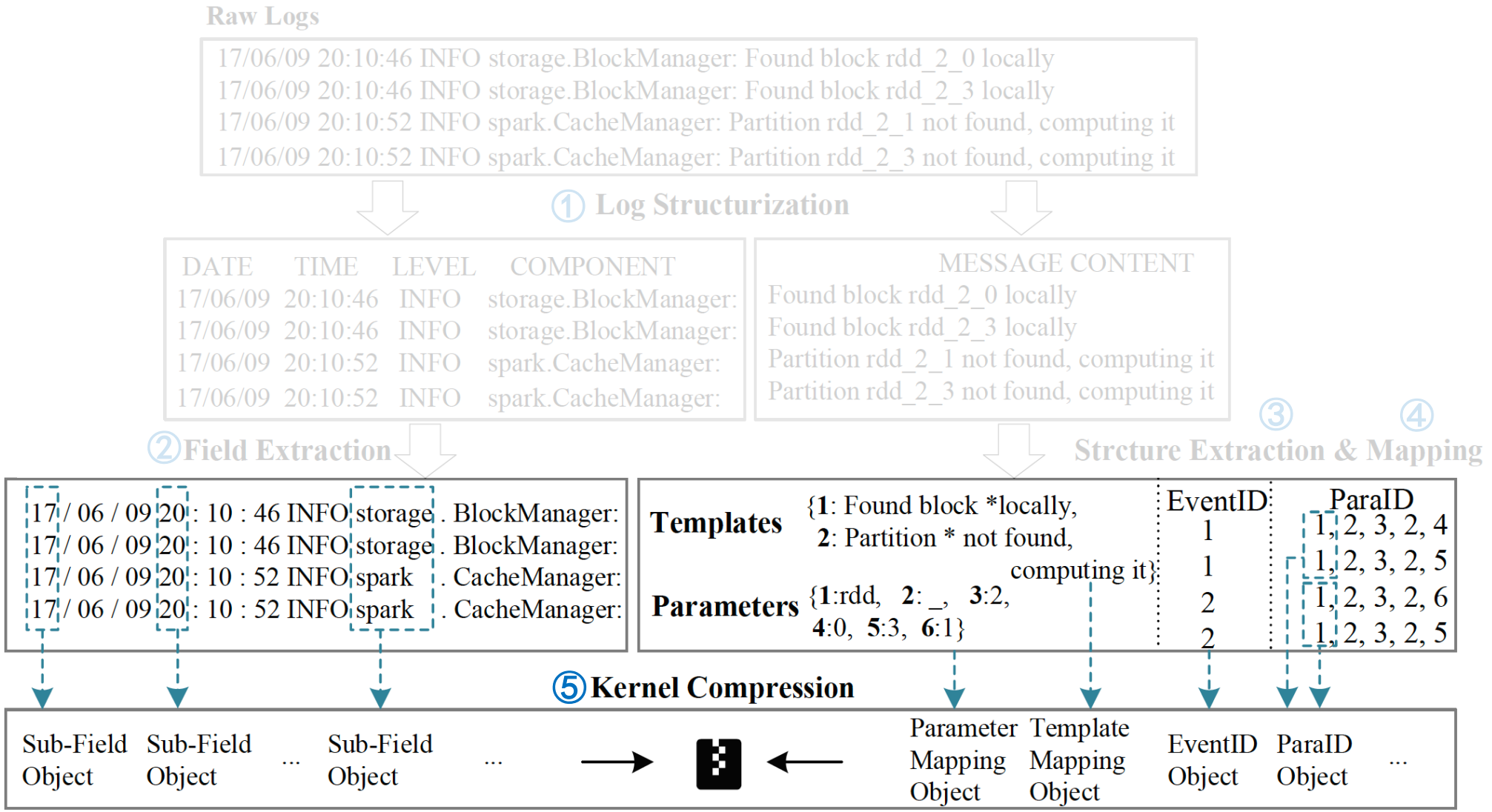


Experiment: Setup

Evaluation Metric:

Compression Ratio (CR) $CR = \frac{Original\ File\ Size}{Compressed\ File\ Size}$ (The larger the better)

Dataset:

	Dataset	Description	Time Span	#Messages	Size
Distributed System	HDFS	HDFS system log	38.7 hours	11,175,629	1.58 GB
	Spark	Spark job log	N.A.	33,236,604	2.75 GB
Mobile System	Android	Andriod system log	N.A.	30,348,042	3.62 GB
Operating System	Windows	Windows event log	227 days	114,608,388	26.09 GB
Supercomputer	Thunderbird	Supercomputer log	244 days	211,212,192	29.60 GB

Experiment: Effectiveness of Logzip (level 3)

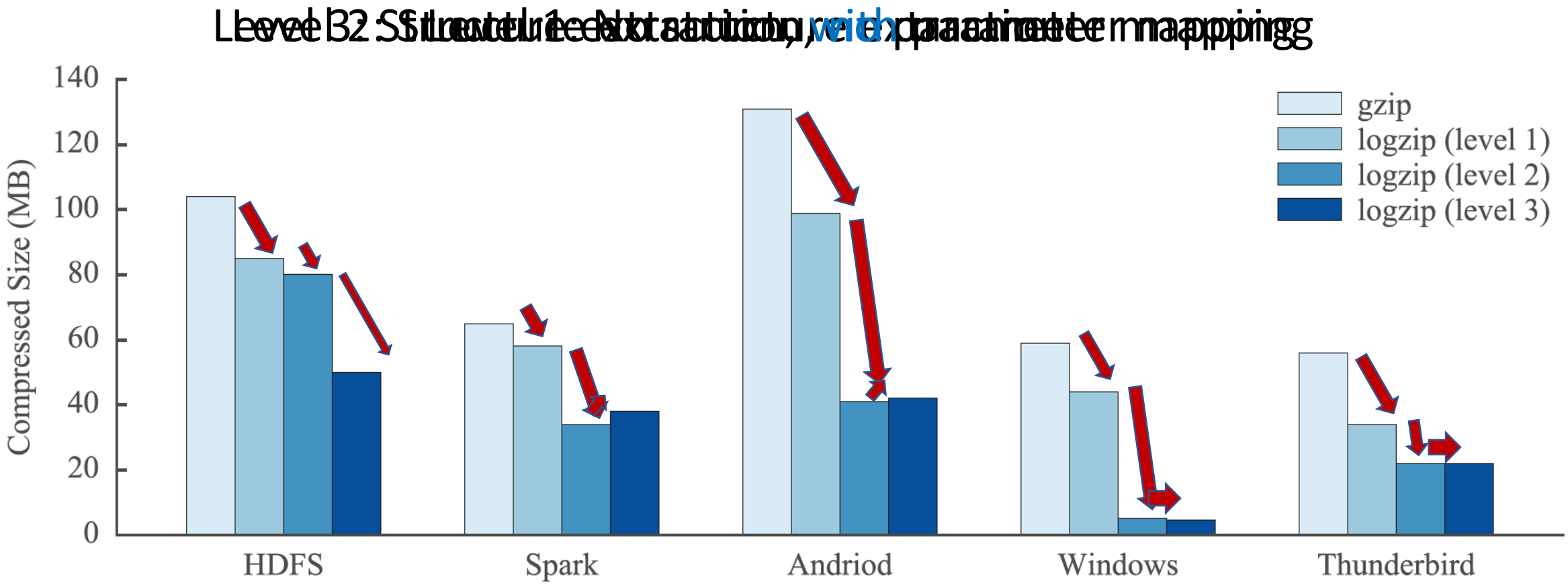
Compression	HDFS		Spark		Android		Windows		Thunderbird	
	Size	CR	Size	CR	Size	CR	Size	CR	Size	CR
Raw	1,618	1	3,011	1	3,707	1	27,648	1	30,720	1
Cowic	373.6	4.3	707.4	4.3	1196.7	3.1	2794.0	9.9	8418.1	3.6
LogArchive	114.2	14.2	102.1	29.5	278.7	13.3	271.5	101.8	1146.4	26.8
gzip	149	10.9	175	17.2	439	8.4	1,638	16.9	1,946	15.8
logzip (gzip)	72	22.5	112	26.9	229	16.2	108	256.0	926	33.2
improvement	51.7%	2.1x	36.0%	1.6x	47.8%	1.9x	93.4%	15.1x	52.4%	2.1x
bzip2	108	15.0	107	28.1	257	14.4	396	69.8	1,229	25.0
logzip (bzip2)	63	25.7	85	35.4	145	25.6	85	325.3	723	42.5
improvement	41.7%	1.7x	20.6%	1.3x	43.6%	1.8x	78.5%	4.7x	41.2%	1.7x
lzma	96	16.9	122	24.7	167	22.2	118	234.3	1,126	27.3
logzip (lzma)	61	26.5	72	41.8	122	30.4	34	813.2	704	43.6
improvement	36.5%	1.6x	41.0%	1.7x	26.9%	1.4x	71.2%	3.5x	37.5%	1.6x

gzip
avg: ~2.0 x
max: 15.1x

bzip2
avg: ~1.6x
max: 4.7x

lzma
avg: ~1.6x
max: 3.5x

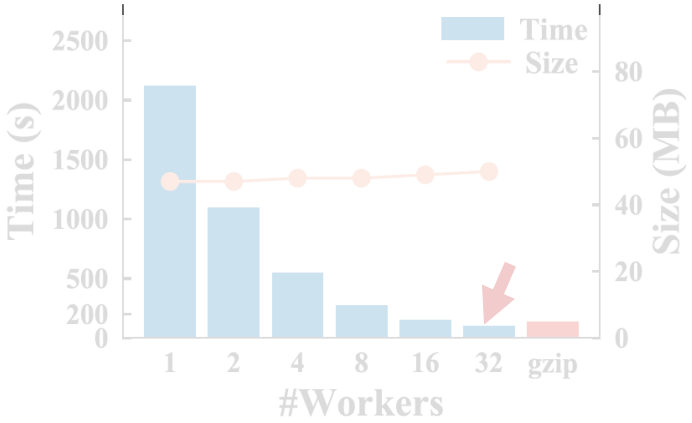
Experiment: Effectiveness of Logzip in each level



CR logzip (gzip) achieved by processing first 1GB data of each datasets

Experiment: Efficiency of Logzip (Level 3)

(a) HDFS



(b) Spark

(c) Thunderbird

(d) Windows

Log data is generally compressed **once** before **a long-term** storage

One-off high computing consumption is acceptable

Compression Time & Size vs #Worker

Conclusion: Logzip

- ✓ Iterative clustering for **hidden structure extraction**
- ✓ Efficient template **matching**
- ✓ Effective and efficient log data **compression**

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- A toolkit for automated log parsing

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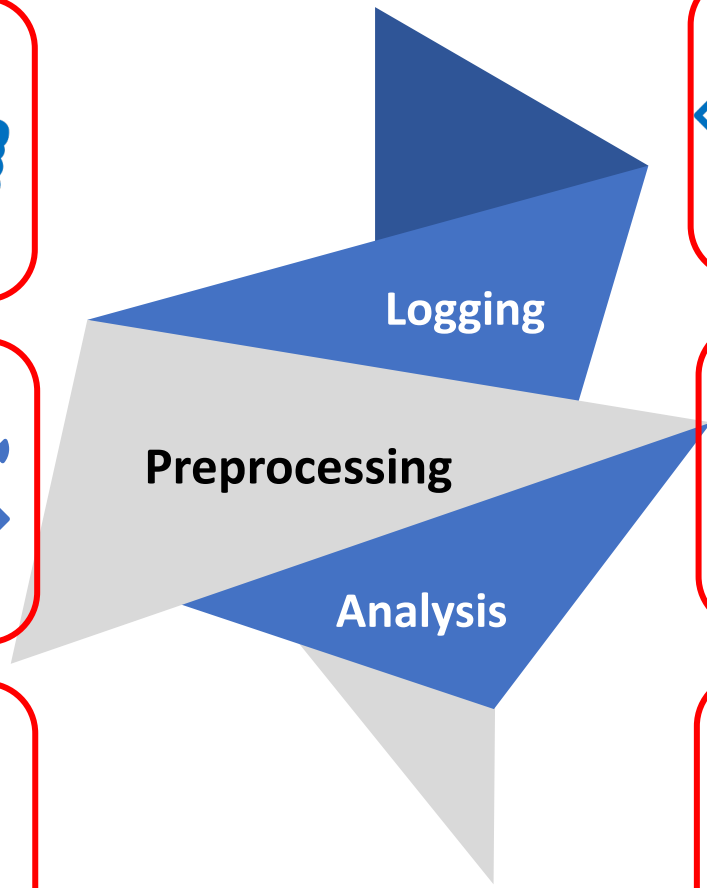

LoggingDescriptions

- A collection of Software Logging Statements

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- Log-based Problem Identification

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Logzip

- An effective and efficient log compression tool

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